

I support media diversity

This is an urgent letter to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. The FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question as I believe even they do not go far enough to demonstrate the FCC goals to promote competition, diversity and localism the media market. These rules serve the public interest and what could be more important in a democracy?!

Deregulation and consolidation will have a severe negative impact on media diversity. It is imperative that the public has access to more than a narrow spectrum of views. Do you honestly think that you would be able to make an informed decision on any issue if you're your local newspaper, radio, and television were all owned by the same person/company? The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding. I strongly urge the FCC to hold hearings around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. In a democracy everyone's viewpoint counts.

Sincerely,

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